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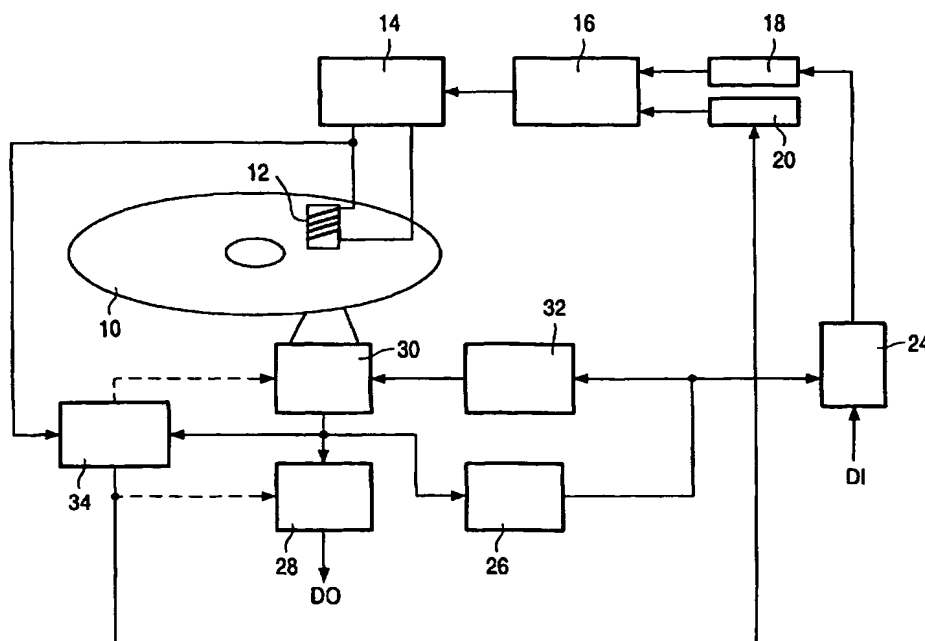
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(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to a method and apparatus for controlling a copy window during read-out of a domain expansion medium (10), wherein a switching time of an external magnetic field is derived from a reading pulse. A shift in the timing of said reading pulse is used for controlling the size of the copy window. Thereby, read-out errors due to changes in the size of the copy window can be prevented.



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